

Applic. No. 10/022,024
Amdt. dated August 24, 2005
Reply to Office action of July 18, 2005

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 15 and 18-26 remain in the application. Claims 15, 18-20, 22, and 23 have been amended. Claims 16, 17, and 27 are being cancelled herewith. Claims 1-14 were previously cancelled.

In item 4 on page 3 of the above-identified Office action, claims 15, 16, 18, 26, and 27 have been rejected as being obvious over Voge (U.S. Patent No. 5,579,691) in view of Pirie (U.S. Patent No. 2,366,930) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

In item 5 on page 5 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1-4, 13-18, and 25-27 have been rejected as being obvious over Voge (U.S. Patent No. 5,579,691) in view of Pirie (U.S. Patent No. 2,366,930) in further in view of Helmstaedter (U.S. Patent No. 6,722,276 B1) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

It is appreciatively noted from item 1 on page 22 of the Office action that claims 17 and 19-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claim 15 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 17 and intervening claim 16. Therefore, claim 15 is now allowable, since claim 15 is allowable, dependent claims 18-26 are allowable as well.

Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

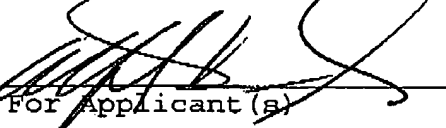
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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner & Greenberg P.A., No. 12-1099.

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